



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 865

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE LONG-RANGE STATE HOUSING PLAN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 8-37t of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 (a) Not later than January 1, 2000, and every five years thereafter,
4 the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
5 together with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, shall
6 prepare a long-range state housing plan, which shall conform and be
7 subject to the plan of conservation and development for the state
8 adopted by the General Assembly. The plan shall: (1) Contain an
9 assessment of the housing needs of households with incomes less than
10 one hundred per cent of the average area median income, adjusted for
11 family size, analyzed separately for households with incomes (A) less
12 than twenty-five per cent of the area median income, (B) more than
13 twenty-five per cent but not more than fifty per cent of the area
14 median income, (C) more than fifty per cent but not more than eighty
15 per cent of the area median income, and (D) more than eighty per cent
16 but not more than one hundred per cent of the area median income; (2)
17 analyze the households served by the housing construction, substantial
18 rehabilitation, purchase and rental assistance programs, including the
19 number of households served by each program, the total amount of
20 financial assistance provided to such households and the race of

21 households served under such programs; and (3) provide information
 22 on affirmative fair housing marketing activities and programs and an
 23 analysis of occupancy results of affirmative fair housing marketing
 24 plans and shall include data on the racial composition of the occupants
 25 and persons on the waiting list of each housing project which is
 26 assisted under any housing program established by the general
 27 statutes or special act or which is supervised by the commissioner or
 28 the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority. [; (4) set specific
 29 measurable goals for meeting identified housing needs; (5) outline
 30 strategies for meeting those goals; and (6) identify state, federal and
 31 private sector resources for affordable housing programs] Each plan
 32 shall include the provisions of the housing agency plan submitted by
 33 the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to the
 34 Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to 42 USC
 35 1437c-1. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require
 36 an occupant or applicant to disclose the race of such occupant or
 37 applicant on an application or survey form. The long-range plan shall
 38 be updated annually by an action plan that assesses the state's
 39 progress toward meeting housing needs contained in the long-range
 40 plan and recommends revised strategies, if deemed necessary. In
 41 preparing the long-range plan and subsequent action plans, the
 42 commissioner shall consult with representatives of those who use or
 43 benefit from state housing programs.

44 (b) The Department of Economic and Community Development
 45 shall submit the long-range housing plan to the General Assembly not
 46 later than January 1, 2000, and each action plan not later than January
 47 first of each subsequent year, after receiving public review and
 48 comment on the long-range plan and each action plan through written
 49 remarks and public hearings. The commencement date of each plan
 50 shall be the July first following the submission of the plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	8-37t

HSG *Joint Favorable Subst.*